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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th July 2021

The Year of St. Joseph A daily prayer to St. Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed St. Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen”*

Mass Intentions this Sunday (18th July) **Saturday** (St. John Kemble) 4-00p.m. Parish & People; (St. Joseph's) 6-00p.m. Peter Healey (RIP) (Angela); **Sunday** 8-00a.m. Lawrence Macpherson-Jones (RIP) (Adrian & Paula); 10-30a.m. Mal Evans (RIP) (Chris Evans).

Weekday Mass Intentions (Tuesday 11-00a.m. Funeral Service – Aldo Rinaldi RIP). Wednesday (21st July) 9-30a.m. (St. Joseph's) Canon Dick Byron (RIP) (Donie, Pat & family). 11-00a.m. (St. John Kemble) Jennifer Owen (RIP) (Nancy); Thursday (22nd July) **11-00 a.m.** Funeral Mass – Tess Court (RIP).

Mass Intentions next Sunday (25th July) (**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**) **Saturday** 4-00 p.m. (St John Kemble) Parish & People; 6-00 p.m (St. Joseph's) Thanksgiving (Gaynor & David Morgan); **Sunday** 8-00 a.m. Milo Butler (RIP) (Paula & Adrian Macpherson-Jones); 10-30a.m. Theresa Chilton (RIP) (Deacon Jim & Marie).

Anniversaries: Of your charity, remember in prayer those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gianna Williams (2009); Michael Davies (2018); Elizabeth Edwards (2003); Patricia Mary Moule (2014); Mal Evans (2004); Frank Walsh (2005); Peter Maher (2010); Matthew Phillips (2012); Maria Cavalli (2009); John Sweeney (2009); John David Watkins (2016); Maria Melindo (2005). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Theresa (Tess) Court (RIP) Please remember Tess in your prayers and also the family at this time. Funeral guidelines have now been amended (allowing more than thirty people to attend) but social distancing regulations still apply. Tess was a teacher at the school for twenty-five years and the family suggest that in memory of Tess please feel free to wear something colourful, if you wish. The Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's this Thursday 22nd July at 11-00a.m. (The coffin will be received into the Church the night before). *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Aldo Rinaldi (RIP) Please remember Aldo in your prayers (formerly of Aldo Barbers) and the family at this time. Aldo's Funeral Service will be this Tuesday 20th July in St. Joseph's at 11-00a.m. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace*

Marjorie Grant (RIP) Please remember Marjorie and the family at this time, whose Funeral Mass will take place here in St. Joseph's on Monday 2nd August at 1-00p.m. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Christine Minty RIP Please remember Christine in your prayers whose Funeral Mass took place at St. Joseph's Port Talbot last week. Christine was a former President of the Legion of Mary here at St. Joseph's and fondly remembered by all who knew her. Please also remember the family in your prayers. (Pat). *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Father Michael Fewell (RIP). Fr. Michael Fewell – the former parish priest in Gorseinon has died after a long illness. Please remember Fr. Michael in your prayers whose Funeral Mass takes place in the Cathedral on Friday 23rd July. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Fr. Bill Lloyd (RIP) Please remember Fr. Bill Lloyd in your prayers on the 40th Anniversary of his ordination here in his home parish on 19th July 1981. A loyal priest and friend to many here at St. Joseph's. (Carolynn). *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Candles: Our Lady – Fr. Bill Lloyd (RIP); The Sacred Heart – Mary Woolcock (RIP); St. Joseph – Charles Massarella.

Painting of the Sacristy The Church will be closed from Monday 26th – Friday 30th July for the painting of the Sacristy. Once again, many thanks to David Jones & Son.

The Driveway We shall begin by tidying (and confirming) the boundary between the driveway and the four residential properties in front of the driveway to clarify the options available to us in draining and landscaping the driveway and carpark. We hope also to hear soon that the problem of sewage water erupting in various places along the driveway has been successfully addressed by Welsh Water.

Church Garden Bench Many thanks to our parish SVP for the Garden Bench donated in memory of the Deceased Members of the SVP – a welcome addition to the Church garden. Also, thank you to the SVP for the new vacuum cleaner for the church. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion Classes We hope to restart the classes in September. The following children began classes before the pandemic – Ronan Abell, Lucy Owen, Jack Challenger, Ava Mallows, Julia Karczynska, John Grabczewski, Amelia Tristram, Alexa Jones, Julia Kuligowska. If there are others who would now like to be included please submit names to Fr. Neil. Attendance at Mass is an essential part of preparation for receiving Holy Communion. Classes will take place before the Sunday 10-30 a.m. Mass. In the Parish Hall.

Lourdes Mass at Our Lady of Margam on Tuesday 27th July at 6-30 p.m. All who have an interest in Lourdes are invited to attend this Mass co-ordinated with the Director of the Welsh National Pilgrimage. If you hope to attend please notify Fr. Andrzej, the parish priest, so that he can ensure all COVID safety precautions are in place.

Many thanks - for last Sunday's Collection (St. Joseph's) of £335-82 (plus direct debits) and (St. John Kemble) t.b.a. Many thanks.

The Second Collection this weekend (18th July) is the annual Stella Maris/Apostleship of the Sea collection supporting the Church's ministry to sea-farers.

PLEASE NOTE – To all stewards, readers and cleaners. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COME TO CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR COMFORTABLE TO DO SO.** Please let Fr. Neil know so that he can arrange a replacement. Thank you.

Readers: This Sunday (18th July) 6-00p.m. Kevin Halloran; 8-00a.m. Gregory Page; 10-30a.m. Sandra Davies. Next Sunday (25th July) 6-00p.m. Patrick McAteer; 8-00a.m. Adrian & Paula Macpherson-Jones. 10-30a.m. Volunteer please.

Stewarding: This Sunday (18th July) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. John, Aimee & Olivia. Next Sunday (25th July) 6-00p.m. Angela & Geraint; 8-00a.m. Christopher & Gregory; 10-30a.m. Luke & Lena.

Cleaning Teams. This Sunday (18th July) 6-00p.m. Sian & Mary; 8-00a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30a.m. Volunteers please. Next Sunday (25th July) 6-00 p.m. Maralyn & Nora; 8-00 a.m. Martin & Nuala; 10-30 a.m. Joan & Ann.

DOMSEC Livestreamed Events in 2021 A full programme of (over 25) events! See www.domsec.org.uk or www.ourladystaroftheseamumbles.org.uk to access the livestreams and click "Livestream" on the menu bar. The next talk will be **Elijah for the 21st Century** by Fr Jerome Ituah - Saturday 21st August from 11-00a.m. to 1-00p.m.

The Sick and Housebound Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound, those in hospital and in our local care homes. Especially at this time, Anita O'Donnell (Glynneath), Jane Boland, George Johnson, Nancy Morris, Cheryl Ford, Fr. Paul Brophy, Andrew Jenkins, Jason Saunders, Yolanda Jones, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna O'Brien, Betty Hopkins. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.